

Announcement of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study to restore water quality in the dissolved oxygen (DO) impaired waters of the Northwest River.

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) announce a Public Meeting regarding the conclusion of the Northwest River TMDL Study.

**PUBLIC MEETING:**

Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Virginia Dept of Environmental Quality – Tidewater Regional Office

5636 Southern Blvd, Virginia Beach 23462

**MEETING DESCRIPTION:** This is the final public meeting for this project. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the conclusion of the study developed to restore water quality in the Northwest River watershed.

**DESCRIPTION OF STUDY:** Portions of the Northwest River have been identified as impaired in the Clean Water Act §303(d) list due to violations of the State's water quality standard for dissolved oxygen. The Northwest River watershed is located within the City of Chesapeake and the City of Virginia Beach. Below are descriptions of the impaired segments that were addressed in this study:

Stream Name	Impairments	Area	Upstream Limit	Downstream Limit
Northwest River	Aquatic Life use Impairment due to Dissolved Oxygen	16.37 square miles	From headwaters near Wallaceton at River Mile 22.15	VA/NC state line

During this study, a total maximum daily load (TMDL) was developed for the impaired Northwest River. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can receive and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, pollutant levels have to be reduced to the TMDL allocated amount.

**HOW TO COMMENT:** The public comment period on the TMDL Report will extend from February 17, 2011 through March 18, 2010. DEQ accepts written comments by email, fax, or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Please send all comments to the contact listed below.

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